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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION  
 FOR WEEK ENDING 23-JULY-05 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	CURRENT WEEK 07/23/05	PREVIOUS WEEK 07/16/05
Broiler/fryer	172,208	166,028
Light hens	1,438	1,473
Heavy hens	1,598	1,575

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	WEEK ENDING 16-July-05 (THOUSAND HEAD)		
	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	191	0	191
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	238	0	238
Same week yr ago	301	8	309
To-date/2005	7,598	33	7,631
To-date/2004	6,811	90	6,901

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

Total U. S. fowl slaughter in the U. S. and Canada

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,622	1,543	3,165
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,506	1,196	2,702
Same week yr ago	1,915	1,428	3,343
To-date/2005	50,735	38,745	89,480
To-date/2004	44,483	36,505	80,988

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION  
 WEEK ENDING 16-July-05 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	168,451	1,431	1,543	2,974
Avg Wt	5.27	3.40	7.97	5.77
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	148,211	1,268	1,196	2,464
Same wk yr ago	161,060	1,614	1,420	3,034
Avg Wt	5.13	3.33	8.12	5.57
To-date/2005	4,471,610	43,137	38,712	81,849
To-date/2004	4,339,384	37,672	36,415	74,087

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 166.6 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 170.5 million head or 3.9 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,  
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 09-Jul-05

	(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE 4.20 LBS & DOWN	(B) RETAIL 4.21-5.25 LBS	(C) DEBONING 5.26 LBS & UP
	-----THOUSANDS-----		
Head	25,238	22,324	39,697
Avg Weight	3.71	4.75	6.34
% of total /1	29%	26%	45%
 Last week	 26,158	 21,889	 45,786
Avg Weight	3.77	4.75	6.79
% of total /1	28%	23%	49%
 Same week, yr ago /2	 23,868	 19,585	 38,386
Avg Weight	3.60	4.73	6.33
% of total /1	29%	24%	47%
 To date/2005	 743,067	 594,706	 1,316,413
To date/2004	716,679	582,453	1,210,979

/1 MAY NOT TOTAL TO 100% DUE TO ROUNDING

/2 COMPARABLE WEEK

- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.
- (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
- (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 16-July-05  
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
Head	1,959	2,630	22	14	4,625
Avg Wt	16.01	36.65	25.22	34.22	27.85
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,539	2,202	13	1	3,755
Same wk yr ago	1,872	2,757	59	18	4,706
Avg Wt	15.83	35.60	25.51	27.39	27.50
To-date/2005	47,114	71,203	652	89	119,058
To-date/2004	48,011	70,380	1,285	195	119,871

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.  
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